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GENERAL NEWS.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE OREGONIAN.]

W B Howells to be U. S. Minister to Switzerland.

NEW YORK, Feb 17.—The Herald receives dispatches from the Atlantic States indicating the appointment as U S minister to Switzerland of Colonel William Dean Howells.

County Seats.

NEW YORK, Feb 17.—The Evening Post learns that early this week a membership in the New York stock exchange will be for $38,000 and the buyer has to pay in addition $1000 to the stock exchange. There are eleven hundred memberships and at $38,000 each the present value of total membership is $41,800,000. Five years ago it was difficult to sell a membership for $6000.

Official Help Tendered.

Super intendent Walling to-day wrote to the secretary of the society for prevention of crime that he would take a thousand men if warranted in his hands to break up gambling houses, provided the society would furnish the necessary money.

Money, Stocks and Bonds.

NEW YORK, Feb 17.—Silver bars 113. Money easier at 1@6 per cent; governments strong; stocks closed generally strong. Western Union 117¾. Wells Fargo, 118. New York Central, 118½. Erie, 50¾. Panama, offered 228. Union Pacific, 123¾. Bonds, 11s bid. Central Pacific, 90½, bonds, 114½. Sutro 1¼.

Elected Directors.

NEW YORK, Feb 17.—Jay Gould and Sidney Dillon have been elected directors of the New Jersey Central vice Knight and Clark, resigned.

Another Gould Enterprise.

NEW YORK, Feb 17.—The Times says: The New Jersey Central change noticed to-day is for the purpose of providing an eastern outlet for Gould's Wabash Pacific system. This connection will give Gould control of the coal business and furnish him a transcontinental system of roads having two terminals on this city independent of the New York Central and Erie. The total debt and stock of the New Jersey Central is $38,000,000. The cost of the road was only $20,000,000.

Wrestling Match.

Edwin Bibby easily won a wrestling match with James Daly, Irish champion to-night.

Suit for a Mine.

NEW YORK, Feb 17.—Nathan O Jonathan, A Baldwin and others obtained a verdict in a suit against Geo Cornwall to recover half of one-tenth interest in the Forest Queen mine, Gunison county, Colo.

Woman's War on Polygamy.

NEW YORK, Feb 17.—The ladies' anti-polygamy society of Brooklyn held a meeting this afternoon. Mrs Imogene Fales presided, and many prominent ladies of Brooklyn were present. The message of the governor of Idaho on the subject of polygamy was read by the secretary. Mrs Bradshaw, and favorably commented on. The society will place itself in communication with the principal cities with a view to forming auxiliary societies. A committee was appointed to confer with Congressmen Elliot Bliss and Smith and interest them in the work which the society proposes to do. Printed petitions against polygamy will be sent to temperance and woman's prayer meetings for signatures. The clergymen of Brooklyn will be requested to read notices relative to the next meeting of the society from the pulpits. A letter from Rev Dr Ingersoll of Brooklyn was read, in which he state that he will give the movement his hearty co-operation. Letters were also read from New York ladies expressing sympathy with the work.

The Reason of their Success.

NEW YORK, Feb 17.—The Tribune has interviewed a gentleman from Transvaal who says that the reason of the success of the Boers is that they are the best marksmen in the world from long practice. Their campaigns have been conducted too with great wisdom and skill.

Suicide.

The Sun says Ann Harkins, an old servant of the Astor family, suicided yesterday by leaping from the 3d story of St Joseph's Home for the Aged.

Fatal Row.

Thomas Sullivan, a barkeeper refusing to leave a car at the Third avenue depot and resisting, a settlement a night ensued in which he fatally shot Conductor Jos Bannister and his bloody skull crushed by a heavy stone thrown by a depot employe.

Snow Storm in Chicago.

CHICAGO (midnight) Feb 18.—Since eight o'clock this evening, nearly five inches of snow has fallen and it is still coming at the rate of an inch or two an hour. It is completely blockading the streets and will prove a great hinderance to railroad and horse travel coming as it does upon other heavy snows which have covered the ground almost without interruption since the middle of last November. This heavy fall is quite remarkable. The air is cool and crisp with no signs of a thaw.

Failure.

MILWAUKEE, Feb 17.—Fred Gunther an old citizen in the wholesale hat and fur trade, has failed. Liabilities $50,000; assets $20,000.

Blockade Ended.

DENVER, Feb 17.—The snow blockade of the Kansas Pacific and Santa Fe roads has ended and delayed trains are all through.

En Route to Los Pinos.

Chief Douglass passed through Pueblo on Sunday night, strongly guarded, en route to the Los Pinos agency.

Indicted for Arson.

OMAHA, Feb 17.—J L Herrick and Charles B De Groat and Bob De Groat brothers have been indicted for burning the latter's last store in December last. Herrick, who was an intimate friend of the De Groats was arrested a few weeks ago and held to await the action of the grand jury which has returned as above. De Groat Bros left for New York soon after the fire, leaving numerous creditors here. They did not get the benefit of the insurance money amounting to $4000 as it was attached by eastern creditors.

Prohibition Fails in Michigan.

DETROIT, Feb 17.—A prohibitional amendment to the constitution lacked one vote in the senate of two-thirds majority reconsidered for amendment.

Denver to be Lighted by Electricity.

DENVER, Feb 17.—The city council to-night accepted a proposition by C. C. Rathbun and others for lighting the entire city by the Brush electric light for two years at $14,000 per annum. The light to be furnished is guaranteed to be four times greater in the aggregate than could be furnished by the same number of gas lamps. The city is to be given thirty days trial of the light before it is a formal acceptance.

Railroad Accident.

HANNIBAL, Mo, Feb 17.—A caboose and freight train on the Wabash jumped the track and took fire. Y Snell a passenger, was killed, and two others hurt slightly.

Still no Choice.

HARRISBURG, Feb 17.—No choice for senator. The regular republican caucus accepted to night a proposition for a joint committee of 12 to select a candidate for senator, subject to the approval of each body.

Prohibition Defeated in West Virginia.

WHEELING, Feb 17.—A proposed constitutional amendment prohibiting the sale of intoxicants was defeated in the senate to-day.

Murder at Little Rock.

LITTLE ROCK, Feb 17.—In Benton county C D Ginter brother of the congressman, shot and killed L B Gamble. The quarrel arose over the postoffice.

CHINESE NATURALIZATION.

Three Applications Before a Chicago Court.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Three celestials, desirous of becoming bona fide American citizens, yesterday applied to John Stephens, clerk of the criminal court, for naturalization papers. Wong Chung Foo, a naturalized Chinaman, acted as interpreter and examined the case fully. Moy Hong Kee, one of the trio, had only been in the country a few months and made applicat on for land was given his first papers. He placed upon the docket a pen and ink sky rocket as his signature, and said that a man well versed in the Chinese language would detail it Moy Hong Kee, Moy Yee and Moy Sam, the other two have been in the country ten years, having come when but 16 years old and if ever entitled, to full naturalization papers they should now, but Judge Moran after examination of the applicants took the matter under advisement. A judge of the circuit court of San Francisco and a judge in New York have decided that Chinamen cannot become full citizens of the United States. The question has never come before the supreme court and it is one of unsettled questions in the great Chinese question. Judge Moran did not care to express an opinion upon what other judges had disagreed upon without careful consideration of the whole subject. He was not sure moreover but that the provisions of the new Chinese treaty would prevent the consummation of Mongolian citizenship.

A NEW SCHEME.

How it is Proposed to Unite the Northern Pacific and O. R. & N. Cos.—"Follow the Leader."

NEW YORK, Feb 17.—The Post says: It is reported that the chief organizer of the Oregon Navigation system recently gave notice to his following who under his lead have in the last two years made fortunes that he wanted a fund of $5,000,000 to be raised for a purpose which he would disclose later; that in response to this notice he received offers of $15,000,000 but allotted only $8,000,000. Moreover that his receipts or certificates of acceptance of subscriptions have since sold at 40 per cent premium. We say that this is reported. It was told us by a republican banker and parts of the tale read like a chapter from a book of John Law. We now hear, but not on the same authority that the purpose for which this money was wanted is to be used in securing control of the Northern Pacific railroad, the scheme being to practically bring about a union of the interests of that company and the Oregon Navigation. We have been unable to confirm this; but if it is not affords an explanation for the large rise in Northern Pacific common stock and the advance to day in preferred shares.

WASHINGTON CITY.

Senate Organization.

WASHINGTON, Feb 17.—It is untrue that Senator Crowley has seriously illness and that executive session. His absence could give the organization to the republicans. It is certain that Senator Davis of Illinois will vote to maintain the present organization of the senate as he holds that it would be independence to maintain status quo while organization for the benefit of party would be unpatriotic.

Amendments to the Legislative Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb 17.—The senate committee on appropriations has decided to report important amendments to the legislative appropriation bill for the purpose of simplifying and cheapening processes as soon as possible. A vast accumulation of unsettled pension cases.

The Apportionment Bill.

Republican representatives will caucus this evening on the apportionment bill to determine upon a course of action. Many favor the immediate passage as two thirds of the state legislatures have ratified and it would leave the state legislatures free to act now seems probable that the bill will pass.

The Inauguration.

Gen Sherman, grand marshal of the inaugural has issued a circular detailing the programme to be observed by the military escort of the president elect. Gen Hancock will be here at the inauguration.

Silver for the Mint.

The treasury department to-day purchased 12,000 ounces of fine silver for delivery to the San Francisco mint.

Nomination Withdrawn.

The president to-day withdrew the nomination of Forster, U S district attorney at New York city. It is stated that E. T. Shepard a Conkling man will be nominated. This it is said will weaken opposition to Matthews and improve his chances of confirmation and it is said the administration will discontinue its attacks on Conkling.

Commissioners Provided For.

As the result of Secretary Evarts' interview with the appropriation committee the following paragraph was inserted in the sundry civil bill: "For commissioners, not exceeding three in number, to represent the United States at the conference to be called to adopt common rates between gold and silver for the purpose of establishing internationally the use of bi metallic money and securing parity of relative value between those metals, $5000 each and reasonable expenses to be approved by the secretary of state and for a secretary to each commissioner, $3000 the amount necessary to pay such compensation and expenses to be immediately available out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the proportion to be paid by the United States of joint expenses $7500 the report of said commissioners to be made to congress for ratification or rejection."

The McGarrahan Bill Again.

The house committee on private land claims has reported to the house and recommended the passage of a bill to confirm to Wm McGarrahan all that tract of land in the state of California known as the Rancho Panoche Grande save such portions as have been patented or settled upon with the intention in good faith of obtaining a title under the laws of the United States. The bill further provides for the appointment by the president of a commissioner who shall report to the secretary of the interior the value of such portions of said tract as have been already patented and occupied and the secretary shall issue scrip to McGarrahan for other lands of the United States (not mineral) equal in value to government valuation. The bill and report was committed to the commissioners.

The Chinese Treaties.

Senator Eaton, chairman of the foreign relations committee, to-day emphatically denied the published statement that he had concluded not to call up the Chinese treaties for action by the senate this session. He says on the contrary, that he is confident that they will be ratified within the next ten days. Commissioner John F. Swift arrived here this afternoon. The main object of his visit is to promote the ratification of the treaties and with that object in view he spent some time on the floor of the senate during to night's session conversing with various senators.

Personal.

Gen Miller visited the capitol to-day. He was warmly greeted by many old friends. His reception at Lafayette was extensive and more in spirit of the first receptions tendered to the old hero of the California campaign. Rejoicing at the fact that Senator Davis of Illinois will vote to maintain the present organization of the senate as he holds that it would be independence to maintain status quo while organization for the benefit of party would be unpatriotic.

Jesse D Carr and John Allman have arrived in Washington on business connected with their respective contracts.

THE SUNDRY CIVIL BILL

A Complete List of its Features.

The sundry civil bill as sent to the printer by the committee on the part of the United States on the international monetary conference $50,000; for the National Soldiers' Home $100,000 for the coast and geodetic survey; $100,000 for completing the census; $500,000 for U S courts, marshals, fees, prisoners, etc., and $1,700,000 for public printing for light house on Standard Island, Lake Michigan, $5000; salaries and expenses inspectors to light house establishments, $1,800,000 to be expended under the direction of the commissioner and salaries $121,000; construction of cutter for the prosecution of the work and investigation of the commissioner of fisheries $100,000, Rock Island arsenal $21,000; care and repairs of the executive mansion and lighting the same $42,000; constructing, the construction of the new buildings for the war navy and state departments $4,700,000; signal service, $25,000; national cemeteries $100,000, military telegraph lines, $75,000, purchase of private papers of confederate Generals Bragg and Polk, relating to the late war $20,000; expenses of the Mississippi river commission and the continuation of surveys of that river $150,000; naval stations $350,000, carrying out various acts creating a national board of health $70,000; provided $50,000 of the appropriation made by the act of June 1 1879 shall be applied to the same purpose, and no money shall be expended for the above purpose out of any appropriation heretofore made or by virtue of any previous laws for aid to local quarantine stations for aid of local and state boards of health $100,000, provided $50,000 of the appropriation made by the act of June 1, 1879 shall be applied to the same purpose and no money shall be expended for the above service for the fiscal year of 1881, other than that specifically appropriated by the act approved June 16 1880. Total amount appropriated $19,991,205.

IRISH AFFAIRS.

Gladstone Proposes to Push Matters.

LONDON, Feb 17.—In the commons Gladstone gave notice that unless the committee on the protection bill close it to-night he will move to morrow that the chairman shall report the bill before midnight. This motion will be in accordance with the speaker's new rules which provide that such motion will be put without debate and if carried by a majority of three to one the chairman of the committee will leave the chair at midnight thus compulsorily closing the committee stage of the bill.

The Better Part of Valor.

The Times says that in one of the districts in the west of Ireland notorious as the scene of more than one scandalous land league victory, between 20 and 30 village tyrants have quietly absconded since the second reading of the protection for person and property in Ireland bill.

Urgent Business in the House of Commons.

The speaker of the commons has announced fresh and most stringent rules respecting urgent business.

Gladstone's Policy—Parnell and his Party.

Gladstone's Irish policy is becoming intensely unpopular in Ireland and it is predicted that the present government will not survive the pacification of Ireland. Parnell's ascension to power seems increasing him to lose ground with the extremists of his own party.

Parliamentary.

LONDON, Feb 17.—In the commons this evening, Cowan radical and home rule member for Newcastle on Tyne amidst cheers from the Irish members, announced that as soon as the rules of the house permitted, he would move whenever urgency is declared that the bill should pass without discussion. A M Sullivan home rule member for Meath, gave notice that Cowan's motion is negatived he would move when urgency is declared that the premier should move that no Irishman be heard on any question.

Parnell Denounced.

Shaw, member of parliament for Cork Co, who seceded from the Parnell party, has issued a manifesto in which he charges Parnell with having, by the universal use of the weapon of obstruction, led the party to help less defeat. Irish representation being discredited and English feeling outraged. Shaw denounces the coercion bill and abjures Irishmen to prepare for freedom by constitutional action.

The Parnellites Join the Conservatives.

LONDON, Feb 17.—In consequence of the action of the government on the subject of coercion the Parnellites have resolved to vote with the conservatives on all questions not relating to Ireland. Parnell on morrow is the will be in parliament to morrow.

English Letters in Transit.

LONDON, Feb 17.—In the commons the postmaster general simply replied no to a question as to whether warrants authorizing him to open letters in transit would be presented to the house. The answer was greeted with prolonged cheers.

In London Again.

LONDON, Feb 17.—Parnell O'Kelly Brennan and Sexton arrived to night.

Will Desert Ireland.

LONDON, Feb 1 —Whalley, one of the traversers, has started from Clarmorris for London to proceed to the Cape where he will spend the remainder of his life.

H L Cross county treasurer took the state taxes of Clackamas county amounting to $13 to 41 to Salem last Tuesday.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb 17.—The Vice president laid before the senate a communication from the secretary of the interior transmitting a report from the commissioner of patents and a petition from Thomas Edmonds relative to the extension of the patent granted to him for improvement in the manufacture of wood pulp. The petition was referred to the committee on patents.

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Mr Morrill introduced a bill to provide for the payment of certain claims for stores and supplies furnished to the army during the war of the rebellion. Referred to the committee on claims.

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THE COMSTOCK MINES

I was long a possession with large classes of people in the Pacific slope that put their money into the Comstock mines Bitter experience has cured most of them but the consequences remain in the disarrangement of legitimate business and in losses to those least able to bear them in aggrandizement of the few and in the poverty of the multitude These stocks are now dull with little prospect let it be hoped that they will ever boom again Only fifteen mines on the Comstock have ever paid dividends and in the case of several of these the dividends have been less than the assessments Only four mines namely Consolidated Virginia California Belcher and Crown Point have produced large returns The total dividends of all the Comstock mines foot up $125 342 900 Of this aggregate the four mines above named produced nearly $100 000 000 On Yellow Jacket there have been assessments to the total amount of $1 875 000 while the dividends have been but $2 184 000 Ophir's dividends have been only $1 404 000 while its assessments foot up $2 078 000 And so on through the list The assessments of the Comstock companies which have levied more than $100 000 each aggregate $68 723 000, while the dividends out of the four mines above named, have not exceeded $54 000 000 This statement does not include assessments by those companies which have dissolved or have been absorbed by others Were they taken into the account the list of assessments would be swelled much more But the disparity between assessments and dividends in the case of most of these mines does not represent any large part of the actual losses These can only be comprehended by taking into consideration the results of gambling in the stocks of these mines, which has been carried on with a perfect passion during so long a series of years No finer scheme was ever devised for impoverishing the many and enriching the few The numbers of the victims and the amounts of their losses are beyond all calculation Avarice and credulity made them over and over again an easy prey for sharpers, who studied this astonishing popular delusion and did a regular business upon it A recent California publication presents some caustic strictures upon mine management. Some of the mines the writer says,—and on deliberation he might have said all of them—are managed as if the only persons entitled to know anything about them are the few who control the board of directors, as if these should attend to nothing save the levy of assessments and participation in "deals," designed to plunder credulous and excitable speculators The superintendents generally are not mining engineers and are incapable of making trustworthy reports upon the condition of the mines and they are not in the habit of submitting clear and comprehensive reports of their work We hear little of mining engineers and much of mining experts who, as a class, are noted as much for inventive as for ignorance The superintendent is, in many cases the servant of the magnate controlling the mine appointed to aid in tricks to raise or depress the stock and his incompetent and wasteful expenditure in the mine is subjected to no impartial and competent supervision As a natural consequence under such a system, honest people are impoverished and dishonest men are enriched The wonder is that the public credulity lasted so long Because three or four mines for a time yielded large profits, and because these profits and gains of dishonest speculation in stocks made a few men very rich the multitude jumped to the conclusion that there was not only a chance but a sure thing for everyone who might participate in this form of speculation, and millions on millions were staked again and again on a game in which the dealers held all the points No one who neglects to study this phenomenon can obtain an adequate idea of the breadth and depth of human gullibility At last however the public shows signs that it is tired of being cheated and robbed The flat market for mining stocks sufficiently attests this fact

The figures given above refer only to the Comstock mines If account were taken of the sums sunk in other districts in the sage brush region the total would be vastly increased It is said that during the last five years not less than $65,000,000 has been collected in San Francisco on mining assessments mostly on Nevada stocks representing mines that have yielded hardly $50,000,000 This vast sum has not come out of the pockets of mining adventurers, but out of those of the stock speculating public So long as people could be allured by the dazzling light of dividends from bonanza mines this system of swindling could be kept up But fortunately the whole structure of deception and fraud has dissolved Yet such is human nature that the merest rumors of "paying ore" would start the gambling excitement again

There can be no doubt that the Comstock lode has cost the country more than its total yield is worth—five times over Expenditure of the same amount of energy, labor and capital in other directions would have produced far more wealth and wealth of a far more permanent character Nevada is poorer to-day than ten years ago. So, as a consequence of Nevada's mines, are thousands of people in California and Oregon A few pursy magnates disport themselves in the insolence of upstart wealth and on these superhuman beings the world is invited to look with awe or admiration Here is the net product of this bonanza wonder

A REPUDIATING STATE.

By her leading newspaper, the St. Paul Pioneer Press, Minnesota is called "a rich and beautiful harlot," because she repudiated years ago and still refuses to pay the state railroad bonds to which she pledged her faith thirty-three years since The debt was repudiated when the state was poor Even poverty is now no longer an excuse. In twenty years the property of the state has increased ten fold This debt could now be paid with very little taxation and the governor of the state in a recent message, urged that it be done Several propositions looking to this end have heretofore been made but the people have persistently voted them down The press of the country has made the governor's recent message the subject of extended editorial comments which are not flattering to Minnesota All pass the same unqualified condemnation upon the state for this continued shame and crime of repudiation Referring to these comments, the St Paul journal says "All the beauties and glories of Minnesota, its splendid natural endowments of soil and climate; all the affluence of its golden harvests which fill its homes with plenty, all its rapid strides in power and population and opulence all its otherwise noble social and political history, its patriotic devotion in war and peace to the great law of liberty, its fidelity to the principles of national honor, its interior life of honest popular zeal for education and religion and morality and all that makes the citizen respectable and life beautiful—all these are turned to shame by this cancer of public dishonor, which corrodes the heart and conscience of the people. For the world knows and all honest citizens of the state know that Minnesota with all her splendid dowry of wealth and resources and with all her gift of genius and bounty stands among her vestal sisters of the north like Charlotte arrayed in gorgeous garments and decorated with jewelry but lacking the one jewel which is worth a thousand times all her sovereign diadem and despised and dishonored all the more for the flaunt of riches which proclaim the gratuitous effrontery and callous impudence of her shame

Sandy Hall bore at the entrance of New York harbor has shocked so much that a proposition of some thorough system of deepening is becoming necessary We have a pamphlet on the subject containing an argument by Henry L Knapp, civil engineer in support of a plan of his own suggestion together with various communications on the same from the board of engineers and the war department There are few harbors in the world so favored by nature as not to require improvement Prodigious sums have been spent on the port of New York Sometimes so in a manner who had often sailed in and out there from 1820 to 1838, remarked in our hearing that the entrance to the Columbia river was easier better and safer than the main channel into New York harbor Improvement of navigation there by artificial means and employment of powerful tugs have made the port of New York what it is Of course as that port has been for more than fifty years the most important one in America all the money deemed necessary for keeping it open to deepest vessels has been granted steadily and without hesitation

The journal which was the original boomer for the third term for Grant in the St Louis Globe democrat would win the hero from the contempt of the plutocrats to the quiet shades of Galena where he has a house of his own I says An item has been going the rounds of the press to the effect that Gen Grant still claims Galena, Illinois as his residence The pity of it is that he ever made a doubt possible on the subject. Grant passing the evening of his life—which we trust will be a very long summer evening, too,—at his modest house in Galena would be a far more heroic character for history than Grant living in style in New York as a pensioner on the bounty of a few millionaires. If Grant has permanently left Galena he has committed the greatest mistake of his life ' It seems probable, however and nevertheless, that this is what he has actually done

Judge Lynch and lynch law have been usually supposed of American origin, but some doubt is thrown upon this by the Pall Mall Gazette, which says that the Virginian farmer named Lynch who flogged a thief with his own hands "had probably no claim to the honor ascribed to him by a doubtful tradition There was a Judge Lynch who was sent to America in 1687 88 to suppress piracy, but the real Lynch is said to have been a certain mayor of Galway at the close of the fifteenth century, who became famous for hanging his own son with his own hands out of an upper window, in execution of a death sentence passed upon him for robbery and murder In this country the Virginia Lynch has usually had the credit of originating extra judicial proceedings, and the name which had been given to them probably did not come into general use until a time comparatively modern

A very duty scrupulous named Parker has been dismissed from the agency of the associated press at Walla Walla, and readers of the Walla Walla Statesman (if there be any) may see in the scurrility of that paper towards the editor of THE OREGONIAN a token that the small Parker deems himself badly injured by the substitution of a gentleman of ability and character for himself in the agency of the associated press at the point named P B Johnson Esq is agent of the associated press at Walla Walla

As a cotton-producing country India is rising in competition with the United States The British government has made great exertions to extend the growth of cotton in India but in spite of all these efforts there has been a decline of 23 per cent in the acreage during the last three years, while the yield per acre has fallen 15 per cent It is said there is no profit in the business and that the idea of making India a great cotton country will probably be given up

It is an astounding fact that the value of opium imported into China is still larger than that of any other article The opium import of 1879 was $50,700 000 in value, out of a total of imports coming to $114,350,000. Cotton goods, the heaviest item except opium, came to $31,400,000 The exports from China were $100 400,000 of which $46,000,000 was the value of tea, and $40,000,000 that of silk

The rational method of temperance reform is making progress Under his method reform does not waste all its strength in worrying the liquor seller but employs large part of it in wrestling with the liquor drinker Remarks of many speakers in the state temperance alliance show that this principle is coming to be understood as the secret of real reform.

MARRIED.

At Trinity church in this city, on the 17th inst by the Rev George F Plummer, James Scott Allen to Miss Margaret Rankin, both of Reedville, Washington county, Oregon

NEW TO-DAY.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY. A RESPECTABLE WOMAN AS NURSE—Apply to Sister Mary Good Samaritan Hospital 1t

TO LET. BY THE DAY WEEK OR MONTH UNFURNISHED rooms on the corner of Second and Oak streets, Sherlock a House fl8dlm

LOST. BRASS DOOR AND LATCH KEYS ATTACHED together by a blue ribbon Finder will be rewarded by leaving them at this office fl8d-1t

FOR RENT. THREE LARGE FRONT ROOMS WITH STOVES, closets and bath room, No 81 seventh st two doors from Oak rent low fl8dtf

FOR SALE. A FIRST CLASS SALOON IN AN INLAND town with three rooms connected fully furnished Furniture of the saloon is of very best with French plate mirrors and silverware Also a billiard table of the best pattern Rent of place only $50 per month, in brick building Business amounts to about $1000 per month Stock to be sold by valuation Apply to PITT & TRUMAN New Market Block fl8dlm

FUNERAL NOTICE. THE MEMBERS OF WASHINGTON LODGE No 46 A F & A M are notified to meet at the Lodge Room, in East Portland at 1 o'clock P M on Friday the 18th inst to attend the funeral of our late brother Dr J C Hawthorne All Masons in good standing in this jurisdiction are invited to attend By order of the W M JNO L WILCOX W C BROWN, Sec.

State Treasurer's Eighteenth Notice.

STATE OF OREGON TREASURER'S OFFICE SALEM Feb 18 1881

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THERE are now funds on hand for the payment of the following warrants of the issue of 1880 and 1881 numbered as follows

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WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE OREGONIAN

WASHINGTON Feb 18—1 30 —North Pacific coast region cloudy weather with rains Southern California fair weather

CITY.

AN UNSATISFACTORY HOSS TRADE—Last Sunday a week ago Henry Worden a young farmer living near the city swapped horses with Perry G Baker at Lewisville Worden alleges that Baker imposed on him to the tune of fifty by trading him a horse though large and fine looking that was old blind and broken stone up in the shoulders and spavined and besides that had the heaves and was lame Perry gave him $30 to boot Two days after Worden brought the horse back together with the saddle and wanted to rue bargain but Baker declined doing that in those terms He was entirely satisfied with the trade Worden then began suit for recovery in Justice court of R E Bybee before whom mutually jurs the case was in progress late last night The plaintiff was represented by W H T Wilson and Baker by N T Bingham a decision with which the men had to-day, will settle for a time two whether the beaten in a horse trade has any right that the better is bound to rescind

FIRE —The services of the Department were called out requisition for the first time this year at 7 30 last night by a fire which broke out in a one story frame building on the north side of Madison street between First and Second occupied by Lazarus Jacobs and Hall Flames consuming the two story building adjoining on the west occupied by Jacobs as a second hand furniture store and by Mrs Terry and Mrs Owens as dwellings The buildings were owned by H S Allen whose loss is at 700 Jacobs is about $1000 His insurance is $700 in the State Investment and Western Allen has a policy of $900 on it nearly covering his loss

HOSS LOSS—The Oregon City Enterprise says the last rise Mr L Saldern had a boom of logs washed away in the Tualatin containing about 250 000 feet and worth $250 Messrs Vail and Ben Athey lost about 50 000 feet Both these booms came down and tore out Mr George Bonebrake's boom at the mouth of that stream, causing him a loss he has no worth $250 and also about 40 000 feet of logs Mr Saldern says he has very unfortunate as one year ago by a freshet he lost a boom of logs representing a whole year's work

FIREMEN'S ELECTION—The following are the officers elected by Columbia Hook & Ladder Company No 1, at Oregon City Foreman, C C Strickler 1st assistant M W Randall 2d assistant, F W Greenman president, Dr White secretary, W T Whitlock treasurer, Geo Broughton delegates to the board of delegates, F E Charman, C C Strickler and W T Whitlock J G Pillsbury was nominated chief engineer and Jacob Mader of Fountain Hose Company No 1, assistant chief

CAUSE ON TRIAL—The case of State of Oregon vs George Murphy and John Lynch was on trial yesterday afternoon The state was represented by District Attorney Caples and M F Mulkey, and Messrs Ball and Gregory appeared for the defense, On motion of the counsel the defendants were allowed separate trials Lynch was on trial The case will probably not reach the jury until some time this forenoon

PARALYZED—About two weeks ago, Mrs Barbara Boyal was paralyzed at her home near Vancouver, W T Since then she has full possession of her faculties though one side of her body is helpless She is however improved in that respect The many friends of Mrs Boyal while they sympathize with her in her affliction will be glad to learn that her case is no worse, She is about 82 years of age

FIRST SHIPMENT—The large new boot and shoe factory of C Lilienwebber & Co at Astoria has been in operation since Monday, and yesterday the first product of the factory, 150 cases of boots, were shipped to Akin Selling & Co of this city This new enterprise promises to become one of the great industries of the state

ENTERTAINMENT—A musical and literary entertainment given by the members of the Congregational church for the benefit of the Sunday school library will take place at that church this evening They present an excellent programme and it will no doubt be a very entertaining and enjoyable affair

DISCHARGED AND DISCHARGED—In the U S circuit court Wednesday the case of Sapagin charged with the manufacturing of Soochino was on trial The jury retired, but after being out for some time failed to agree upon a verdict and was discharged Yesterday the same case was on trial again

LECTURE—In THE OREGONIAN of yesterday mention was made of the disappearance of the young man Ned Richards and also of the fact that some anxiety was felt His friends will be pleased to learn that he returned to Dawson yesterday morning, all right

MASONS INVITED—All members of the Masonic fraternity, both in Portland and East Portland are cordially invited to attend the funeral of the late Dr J C Hawthorne which will take place this (Friday) afternoon at 2 o clock from St David's church

THE STEAMER—The Columbia arrived in Baker's bay at 7 o'clock yesterday morning and anchored there three hours waiting for high water arrived in Astoria at 1 P M left for Portland at 5 but had not arrived when we went to press

LECTURE—Rev J A Cruzan will lecture this (Friday) evening at Neppach's Hall, East Portland His subject will be "Success How to Win it" The proceeds will be donated to the First Baptist church of that place

TEMPERANCE RALLY—Rev J A Cruzan has tendered the use of the Congregational church to the state Temperance Alliance for a grand temperance rally to be held Sunday evening

RELIGIOUS SERVICES—Services will be held by Rev Robert Abrahamson at the Synagogue, Ahavi Sholom this (Friday) evening at 5 o clock, and Saturday morning at 9 30 o clock

SENTENCED—Judge Stott sentenced Ah Hing to the penitentiary Thursday afternoon for the period of two years Ah Hing will probably be taken to the penitentiary to-day

OFFICE ESTABLISHED—Wells Fargo & Co have recently established an office at Blalocks Umatilla county This will be a great public convenience to that section

COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS—R D Pitt has been appointed commissioner of deeds for the states of New York, Kansas and Nevada, to reside in this city

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

[Advocate and Sentinel]

Archbishop Seghers returned from The Dalles via Vancouver on Thursday

We are pained to learn that Rev. Father Leroy of Victoria is dangerously ill in that city.

Rev Fathers Dols and Bibmey left on the State of California last Saturday, the former for his new field in Montana and the latter for the scenes of his youth in Ireland

The new church at Tedine City on Pudding river, in Marion county is finished and ready for dedication The edifice was erected by the Catholics in and around this new city under the direction of Rev J J Dols, recently of Gervais who deserves great credit for his energy and perseverance in this matter The Catholics of the place are accorded great praise by Father Dol for the liberality and zeal manifested, a proof of which is that there rests but $35 of a debt on the church which is more than likely already paid The church is 24x40 and quite a model of beauty When it will be dedicated to the service of God has not yet been decided

THE LEVEE FOR $2500.

Full Text of the Ordinance Introduced in the Council Wednesday Evening.

An ordinance to provide for the sale of the public levee property

The city of Portland does ordain as follows That upon the payment of the sum of $2500 to the city treasurer by the Oregonian Railway Company, limited the committee on landings and wharves of this city or a majority of them and the city auditor and clerk of this city do make to the said Oregonian Railway Company limited for and on behalf of this city a deed without covenants, which shall convey to said company all the right title and interest of the city of Portland in and to the property heretofore conveyed to it by Stephen Coffin and others and commonly known as the public levee and that upon the execution of said deed the suit now pending, in which the city is plaintiff and said railway company is defendant be dismissed and the city attorney be and is hereby directed to dismiss all suits and actions now pending and brought by this city against said company

FUNERAL OF DR J C HAWTHORNE.

The funeral of the late J C Hawthorne will take place this (Friday) afternoon at 2 o clock from St David's church East Portland About 12 o clock the remains will be conveyed from the residence of the family to the church where appropriate services will be held At the close of the exercises the body will be taken to Lone Fir cemetery and laid to rest

All friends of the deceased who desire to take a farewell look at the remains will have an opportunity to do so by calling at the residence of the family any time during the morning prior to the removal of the remains to the church

The following gentlemen will act as pall bearers Hon J N Dolph, Hon J B Congle, Hon Sol Hirsch Hon Henry Failing, Hon B B Shattuck, Hon C B Bellinger, Hon J A Chapman, and Mr James B Stephens

A. O. H. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

There will be a special meeting this evening at A O H Hall over B Camalin's store, First street near Stark, at 7 30 sharp Division members are invited to attend EDW CAMPION, C D

R J DOOLING, Rec. Sec B D

Friday Feb 18 1881

Jim Burke the enterprising carriage man, has the only coupe in town Office at Acker & Leihy's City stables

AMUSEMENTS.

LAST NIGHT'S PERFORMANCE—That the play of Tom Boys had lost none of its popularity with the public of this city was abundantly attested by the large and critical audience present last evening, on the occasion of Harry Settles's benefit for the first dress circle formed an excellent gallery was filled It was a highly appreciative audience and in fact every feature of the performance was enjoyed Miss Settles was the recipient of a number of beautiful floral tributes during the evening and was called before the curtain at the close of the play to receive the congratulations of her friends

MR OWENS' IMPERSONATION of the inmates of the Middleville insane asylum needs no comment to any one acquainted with the eccentric comedian as it was a performance without a superior on the speaking stage Both the press and public have accorded him this encomium before this time More efficient support could not have been desired each member seeming to understand what measure of excellence was required by the cultivated tastes of the audience and striving to fulfill their expectations With such harmonizing, it can be truthfully said that each did their allotted part with undivided credit and satisfaction to the auditors

FOR THE VERY LIBERAL patronage and the general satisfaction expressed by those who have visited Tom Boys I would feel that I should be remiss in my duty to the public of this city were I not to publicly acknowledge the large and critical audience present last evening, on the occasion of Harry Settles's benefit for the first dress circle formed an excellent gallery was filled It was a highly appreciative audience and in fact every feature of the performance was enjoyed Miss Settles was the recipient of a number of beautiful floral tributes during the evening and was called before the curtain at the close of the play to receive the congratulations of her friends

SHE —This evening the elaborate melodrama will be produced for the first time in this city Mr Owens appears in the great character part of John Lyat This play was written expressly for Mr Owens and has been produced in London with great success in many of the large cities east The piece will be produced with a full cast and the drama was a dead loss Author as in own words of his latest efforts are $60 000 of which $0 00 Just America and 40 000 to Canada His wardrobe is still in town

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CONCERT.

The third of the very popular series of concerts given by the Open Temperance organization will take place on Saturday evening next at 7 30, at the rooms of the Y M C A The programme will be one of the best yet presented and will embrace some of the very best talent in the city, and will include such popular vocalists as Mrs Cruzan as well as new and excellent talent from abroad There will be instrumental pieces rendered on violin, flute cornet, accordeon and piano Readings and recitations of Master Sears will be an important feature in the amusement of the evening See full programme in to morrow's issue

THE HOTELS.

ST CHARLES

N Walden Salem	H S Jory Salem
Geo Edgar Rooster Rock	Jas Howell Sauvies Isld
R H Todd McMinnville	Wm B Turner McMinn
E White	Lee Smith N Yamhill
W B Scott, Albany	F Peter, Cascade Locks
E R Wheeler Eugene	H Sommerville, Sheridan
F H Hutchinson, Sheridan	Jas Hoffman Junction
Jas W Gird Brownsville	Jas Jamnison, Vancouver
A M Worum, S T	H L Marston, Carlton
G H Butler Harrisburg	M M Porterfield, Colfax
H C Watts, Albany	V Kratz Junction
E Buchanan, Albany	F M Reddield, Albany
E Brock Oak Point	H W Fairweather Wallawalla
S D Thorn Ainsworth	Chas Goodchild Eugene
M McManus, Scappoose	Rev J D Driver "
B H Allen Halsey	Dr J H Kessler, Middleton

PERSONAL.

S S Jimble, the postmaster and agent for THE OREGONIAN, at Zena, Polk county, is in the city

For elegant suits and dolmans go to Minsville's, 151 Third street, and save money.

Jim Burke's new carriages and coupes may be found at Acker & Leihy's City Stables

French Nougat, French Nougat, Tovome Dattalia Creams, Raspberry Pansche Creams, Early Rose Almond Creams Ristache Almond Creams at Postoffice Candy store, Multnomah Block opp P O

The best men's fine shoes, are made by Lilly, Brackett & Co Boston for sale only by Champlin & Holbrook, Pacific Boot and Shoe House

For sick headache use ROSE PILLS

The only place in Portland where ladies can find a large assortment of ready made suits is at Mrs Pilger's 151 First st cet

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A No 1 coffee and meals depend upon it, at Jacob Pfunders' City Coffee House, 89 second street, near Stark Open from 5 A M to 1 P M

Holton House Restaurant—First class table Ladies rooms Three meal tickets for $1 Commercial travelers give us a call D TORNADO & CO

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THE ESMOND,

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MISS SPALDING'S LECTURE.

Miss Spalding lectured on Monday evening, was an intellectual achievement worthy of such a gifted writing as it most evidently is The interest to the subject in the audience is given in the fact that the limits do not permit this

The story of philanthropy before local audiences is an interesting one, but philanthropy like the spirit of freedom is a thing of slow growth It does not spring full fledged into existence, but it gradually grows from a germ to a power, but it still takes on fuller proportions and does not exhibit all of its beauty and wealth of human sympathy until the present century Then it began in a humble way, and truly prosperous Its humble progress cannot be attributed to any special power either in its principles or individual exertion to any one man The present philanthropy has the power of public sentiment behind it, and it is a strong power for good, while the wind and the tide of public sentiment do not set against the noble work for it, while the wind and the tide of public sentiment do not set against the noble work for it, it progresses with a steady and healthful growth In the case of the insane would be a hopeless one

In this line of state charities as well as in the case of Orphan Darling, or any kind of work that is worthy of encouragement, it is the duty of the people to look carefully into the question and see that their money is not squandered, but is expended where it will do the most good Many times more than one of the friends who commit insane to the asylum of the insane would rather be a hopeless one

No sensible man can say that it was possible or desirable for the insane to be shut up in dungeons as they often say How can any one visit them if I should go to see them I don't believe I could sleep for twenty four hours Well that is one thing I do not like to see, but I can't help it It does one good to see how well they are treated and comfortable many of them are in a while in spite of their misery Riding through an insane asylum is one of the most interesting and instructive things to be done in the state Our highest officials invite their friends to visit the institutions and see for themselves that the insane are well cared for and treated kindly Dr Knights, the superintendent of the asylum at Salem, is a man of the highest character and ability, and has been for many years a close student of insanity and the treatment of the insane Dr Knights has given the question of insanity more attention than any man in the state, and is recognized as authority on the subject by the most eminent men in the profession in the country Dr Knights has been in charge of the asylum for about two years, and in that time has made many improvements in the institution, and has brought it to a high state of efficiency Dr Knights is a man of the highest character and ability, and has been for many years a close student of insanity and the treatment of the insane Dr Knights has given the question of insanity more attention than any man in the state, and is recognized as authority on the subject by the most eminent men in the profession in the country Dr Knights has been in charge of the asylum for about two years, and in that time has made many improvements in the institution, and has brought it to a high state of efficiency

The lecturer continued "If one can do nothing else it is something gained to think right and speak right on so grave a subject But the questions arises, What can the public do? What can I as an individual do? To this question there are two kinds of answers One as regards human beings from a common bond of brotherhood and sisterhood The others as regards citizenship To the first as a human being you can help to secure unlicensed recognition of the fact that it is no disgrace to be crazy This is a part of the work in which all can engage What ever you would do to give sympathy and relief in any other form of affliction do for the insane also for their condition will allow—"whatsoever you would have them do to you" were you in their place and they in yours "do ye even so to them

If you should ask me if I have ever witnessed abuse in our asylums I should tell you yes but it was the abuse of relatives and friends not that of attendants You would not think the life of insanity could be shortened by accident or disease Yet it sometimes is It is not an unusual thing for one to be adjudged insane, carried to an asylum put under locks and bars and then left forever as if the whole duty of mankind were done How often is the property that that person has accumulated or inherited in either case what rightfully belongs to him carefully husbanded by those who can lay any possible claim to it instead of being wisely expended for the recovery of the rightful owner I am afraid I am treading on the toes of strangers to whom this class of unfortunates are entrusted when I say that much vital force has been lost than one of the friends who commit insane to the asylum of the insane would rather be a hopeless one

Another cause of his failure in addition to those previously reported, is that he lost money heavily on his labor contracts with the O L & N and the Northern Pacific last summer He agreed to furnish a large number of men and to fulfill such contracts was obliged to send to San Francisco for them The expense of passage from the Bay cities points in eastern Oregon was about $65 per head and this was a dead loss Another serious loss to his liabilities are $60 000 of which 20 00 Just American and 40 000 to Canada His wardrobe is still in town

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MILITARY AND PERSONAL.

[Vancouver Independent]

Capt James Miller 2d infantry has departed up the river to rejoin his company at Camp Alava

New quarters will be built for the military post at Fort Klamath this year Lumber is already contracted for

Maj L Cass Forsyth A Q M who recently went east on this department, is now stationed on duty in New York City

Capt Robert Pollock 21st infantry arrived at the post on Monday from Fort Townsend and started on his return the same day

1st Lieut Chas A H McCauley 3d Cavalry who is well known by many of our readers, has been promoted to assistant quartermaster with rank of captain.

Major G H Weeks formerly depot quartermaster at Vancouver barracks has been stopping with his family in Washington for a month past and will soon go to his station in the Department of Arkansas

Surgeon G M Sternberg U S A, formerly stationed at Walla Walla has translated from the French Dr Antonio Sagnia's work The Bacteria which will doubtless prove of much value to naturalists and physicians

Lieut Col Alex Chambers 21st infantry, arrived down from Fort Lapwai on Saturday last and is now in command of the regiment and the post to remain until the return of Col Morrow Col Chambers left Fort Lapwai Jan 20th but was detained en route 17 days at Walla Walla by the closing of the levee

Brt Maj Gen O O Howard, commanding the department of West Point, has retained for his personal staff 1st Lieut Joseph A Slocum 14th infantry 1st Lieut Chas E S Wood, 21st infantry and 2d Lieut Guy Howard 12th infantry as A D C Lieut Slocum is also acting assistant adjutant general of the department

The officers at Vancouver barracks connected with the post and headquarters have this week established near the headquarters building a very nice club room, fitted up with a billiard table, whist tables, reading room, etc all nicely carpeted and thoroughly in appointments It serves as a place of social amusement and gatherings, enabling those concerned to pleasantly pass away many an otherwise dull hour of the winter season

LADIES—The best shoes for ladies misses and children are made by Holbrook & Co., Utica, N Y Ask your dealer for them and take no other

For sick headache use ROSE PILLS

A nice photographic work has become famous throughout the state and territories and even beyond to the east A glance at his display tells the tale And still the good work goes on nobly

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INSPECTOR SIMPSON AND THE MAILS.

LETTER FROM THE FIRST OF THE ONE HUNDRED

To the Editor of The Oregonian

DEAR SIR—In the Portland Daily States-man of the 16th inst I read with pleasure the editorial entitled "In the depths of a mountain," wherein the editor of that Republican sheet is reported as having said that Inspector Simpson had authorized the postal officials "that their duty as Postmasters and mail agents was to teach the people of Oregon how to get along without mail service" Now I was a resident of the Territory of Idaho Montana Utah and Washington City But it pertains to individual merit to be said that Mr Simpson is not as popular with the people of the mail service in which the mails are carried, and he responds to Mr McRae in San Francisco and he says the postal service on the Pacific coast is the best in the United States

This is supposed to be addressing to the Portland postoffice and the postal officials that he has no duties to perform as postmasters and mail agents other than to receive the mail and deliver it to the consignees Now I will say that I have had some experience in the postal service of the country and I have been in the postal service of the country for the last 20 years and I have been in the postal service of the country for the last 20 years and I have been in the postal service of the country for the last 20 years

The Daily Oregonian.

FRIDAY MORNING FEB 19 1881

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

SAN FRANCISCO Feb 18—Sterling exchange on London bankers 60 days 4 84 demand 4 87 documentary 4 84 Transfers 3

Bank of England interest 3 per cent

New York Feb 18—Sterling exchange prime bankers sight 4 84½ long 4 87½ commercial from last lower documentary 4 84 lower U S Bonds—6s of 1881 100¾ bid 5s 1881 103¾ bid 4s 113 Closed steady 4 100¾ 5s 103¾ 4s 113 Lo now Feb 18—Consols 99⅛ money 1 account

Silver bullion English standard per fine ounce 9 5d

Bar silver 51

London Feb 18—Silver 51d Gold 99⅛ Bonds Erie 30¾

THURSDAY EVENING Feb 17

Transactions in the local wheat market during the seven days ending this evening for several weeks preceding Several sales were made on Tuesday 1 000 centals in one or two lots and on Wednesday shippers bought 70 000 centals at 1 87½ and another 10 000 bushels at the same rate Today there have been several small transactions in the same basis It is a trifle harder to quote the letting go of a few hundred at rates which would have been accepted at any time during the past two months There is no change in the tonnage situation which might boom prices and the improvement in the European markets is not sufficient to affect this market to any extent It appears—but the volume of transactions has not as yet been great enough to show it certainly—that holders have concluded that there is no prospect for an advance and so are selling rather than hold over for a possible rise next fall Any considerable pressure on the market by holders would drop prices somewhat

Charter rates at San Francisco continue in favor of shipowners and vessels to arrive months from now are readily taken at our telegraphic quotations Advices from South America and China report tonnage are at rates high Australia will have 70 000 bales more wool this year than last and an extra fleet will be in demand there so that we may expect no relief from that quarter But two ships the Lizzie Iredale and Viola are due here within the next thirty days Both are chartered The Bryside is at Astoria and the Archer at this city

Bad Weather and Loss of Stock.

Reports from the grazing localities of the state are distressing The weather continues very severe especially throughout eastern and southern Oregon and horses cattle and sheep are dying by thousands It is estimated by persons intelligent in regard to the matter that not more than sixty per cent of the stock of the state will survive the winter In Lake county ranchmen seem better prepared for bad weather than those of other sections and there the loss will not be so great but in eastern Oregon where the bunch grass is covered by a heavy crust of snow and where scarcely any preparation for winter was made last fall sheep are dying in heaps and other stock suffering greatly From Rock creek Wasco county, the center of a large sheep country we have a letter giving a pitiful story of starvation and death The writer says So far I have lost 1200 from a band of 3000 sheep One of my neighbors has lost 2000 another 1800—all he had another has but 10 left out of a band of 7000 another lost 1960—all he had and nearly every man in this vicinity lost from one-fourth to three fourths of his band Fully 14 000 head of sheep have died on this range in the past ten weeks also a great many horses and cattle The last storm left from 18 to 20 inches of snow on the ground, and it laid on for three weeks

A letter from Fifteen Mile creek Wasco county says that on the 13th snow was three feet deep and that all the stock of that section was in danger of starvation Horses and cattle are in a deplorable condition and there is nothing left in the country to feed them but wheat The loss already is very great In the Willamette valley bands of stock are not large and farmers generally are prepared with hay to feed during the winter Stock is suffering in some localities and there will be some loss This market is still well supplied with fat fresh meats though prices of course are affected by the severe weather We quote

BEEF—On foot 3@3½c gross
POEK—4@5½c gross
MUTTON—2½@3c gross

Home Produce Market.

Oats are dull and of no inquiry on the market are quite liberal at present prices the demand is for home consumption only Hay stocks are in reasonable Mill feed owing to light receipts is very firm shorts are scarce Butter of all description is scarce and in good demand Cheese is high Eggs are firm at quotations Chickens are steady and sales are easy Strained honey is cheaper Red colored and well packed apples are wanted and sell at highest quotations Pears are nearly all gone What to do with dried fruit will be a conundrum for our holders in the future Bacon, hams shoulders and lard continue steady although offerings during the past week have been large Potatoes are steady at quotations, and will sell readily Vegetables are scarce and wanted Onions are dull sale The demand for seeds during the cold weather has dropped off Hops are steady but no advance in price Hides are firm at full prices Furs are steady at quotations

FLOUR—There is no improvement to note in prices Quotations for round lots are 4 50 for standard, $4@4 50 for good country brands

OATS—Market quiet but steady offerings are large quote $1 25@1 30 per cental feed 1 10@1 20

WOOL—There is a steady demand Valley 22 @27c Eastern Oregon 20@25c

HAY—The supply is larger and demand less Baled timothy $10@15 ₰ ton

MILL FEED—The demand is quiet and the supply more liberal Quotations Middlings $20@22½, shorts $18; chop feed $18@20 bran $14@15

CURED MEATS—Market steady Quotations—Hams Oregon sugar cured 14@15c eastern 14@15 bacon 12½@14c shoulders 9@10c

LARD—Market steady at 12½@13c in kegs 12½@13 in tins, and 13½@14½c in pails

DRIED APPLES—Stocks are still accumulating and holders do not feel disposed to quote prices that will move the surplus Sun dried, 7@8c Plummer dried 9@10c

DRIED PLUMS—Dull with pits 6c pitless 11@12½c for sun dried 13@15c for machine plums

HIDES—The market is firm at 16c for first-class dry 7½@8½c for green calls ½ off Sheep pelts—Prices vary according to the quantity of wool left on skin quote from 50@$1

BUTTER—Supply light in fancy 40c good to choice 30@35c fair to the other grades what they will bring in bulk 20@25c in brine, 32½@37½c

ONIONS—Weak at 1½@2c ₰ lb

EGGS—Receipts during the past week were light, and prices have jumped to 20c

CHEESE—Oregon, ₰ lb, 15@16c stocks are high

APPLES—The market is overstocked with inferior grades of fall apples which are sold at almost any figure Send nothing but choice and well packed to this market if you want any remuneration for your trouble Per box 40@75c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Per lb 6@7c

TORREYS—Per lb, live weight, 14@16c nominal

CHICKENS—Small to medium ₰ doz 6@8 large $2 50@3 50 Receipts have dropped off and prices have advanced

DUCKS—Per doz $5@6

GEESE—Per doz $8@9

SALMON—Columbia river ₰ bbl, $8@8 50 bf bbl $4 25@4 50 bellies ₰ bbl, $3@3.

HOPS—Oregon ₰ lb 14@15c

POTATOES—70@80c ₰ ctl

TALLOW—₰ lb 6@6½c

SHINGLES—Per M $2 25@2 75

PEARS—Choice varieties 75@75c ₰ box.

MARK LANE REPORT

Of the English Grain Market—Damage by Floods, etc.

LONDON, Feb 17—The Mark Lane Express in its review of the British grain trade for the past week says Deliveries have been in bad condition on account of the weather Dry samples of home grown are scarce and obtain fullest rates For the past trade is gradually weakening There was a better demand for flour at last week's reduction but buyers operate slowly and cautiously, Foreign flour is in slow demand but with signs of improvement should rate moderate There was rather brisker business at the decline of Monday but American advices restricted this holders preferring to wait Spot and prospective supplies are ample and consequently it matters little how the American surplus is used Maltings barley is weaker and all sorts are cheaper Fine samples are still scarce, but barley is generally difficult to sell, Foreign barley is slow with a dragging trade in favor of buyers Oats have improved throughout the whole country, and the whole of the recent decline was regained Foreign oats have also improved In maize there was very limited spot business at Monday's rates Stocks are short Off coast cargoes at end of week nil.

Sales English wheat for the past week 36 090 quarters at 43s 7d against 36 180 quarters at the same price for the corresponding week of last year

Imports into the United Kingdom during the week ending Feb 6th 1 200 000 cwts wheat and 100 cwts flour

THE REAL ESTATE MARKET

The following special report of the real estate market is furnished the OREGONIAN by Clark & Upton real estate agents and architects

The business of the past week has been about average As compared with the month of February of last year the present month so far as it has progressed makes a somewhat better showing This is the more encouraging when it is remembered that the high water and inclement weather have co-acted in depressing and hindering business generally and real estate business in particular There are many indications of coming activity, which may reasonably be expected with finer weather Building will probably show a larger total than for quarters past both of business all and city lots real estate have at no time during the entire month been more interesting to the trade generally were prices better supported when likely to go below production cost but fairly remunerative prices nevertheless accepted This would free it from the excessive fluctuations which have hitherto characterized it

In calculating the prospects of salmon and of any probable easing of the market the following considerations have to be taken into account The fact that whilst the United States home demand is greater 50 000 cases should be ample to meet it and the increase of shipments to the London This leaves a surplus of 100 000 over that of last year for the European markets or say exactly the amount that San Francisco authorities admit could be spared from stock on the coast which only awaits a reduction in freights for shipment Reports of present prices and firmness will induce preparations for a heavy up put in 1881 and as canning commences in April several months before European summer consumption is at its greatest—then forward quotations may considerably affect the market, and even show a possibility of laying down overland, 1881 pack in May-June The most important considerations however, are the possibility of the consumption of the article being reduced by the higher prices presently asked over what the public have been paying and the probability that it is gradually lessened from the competition of the greater number of articles of preserved goods now in the market than hitherto and the continuously lower prices they are offered at

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